

Local

TURNING BACK THE PAGES

50 YEARS AGO from the Democrat-Herald June 17, 1971

The city planning commission discussed a letter from the school board last night asking for several street vacations on Washington Street near the Junior High School.

The commission took no action on the request since no one from the school board attended the meeting to explain the request and clear up some uncertainties.

25 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald June 17, 1996

The Oregon State Mint opened its doors in Baker City Memorial Day weekend, joining three other businesses at its new location on Main Street.

The Oregon State Mint, Baker Gold & Silver, Oregon Trail Mercantile and Easy Does It Distributing share quarters at 2200 Main St., Suite 1. Terry Karp owns and operates the first three, Dick Secrest the mail-order distributing business.

10 YEARS AGO from the Baker City Herald June 17, 2011

The Oregon National Guard's 3rd Battalion, 166th Cavalry, based out of Eastern Oregon, is part of a pilot program that will provide employment services for deployed soldiers.

These soldiers will communicate with partner agencies, such as WorkSource Oregon, to submit applications, resumes, and complete interviews over the Internet while they are still overseas.

ONE YEAR AGO from the Baker City Herald June 18, 2020

The coronavirus pandemic is not deterring Baker County residents from donating blood.

The American Red Cross blood drive Monday at the Baker City First Church of the Nazarene attracted 110 people willing to donate a pint of blood.

A computer glitch meant a few dozen of those people weren't able to give blood.

But local coordinator Myrna Evans was still pleased with the level of interest.

The roster of 110 willing donors follows a March 30 drive in Baker City — the first such event after restrictions and precautions related to the pandemic started — that attracted about 98 donors.

And that was 15 more donors than showed up for a January 2020 event, the last before coronavirus arrived. The 98 donors in March were the most that Evans had recorded since taking over responsibility for local blood drives from the retired Colleen Brooks in early 2018.

Although the Red Cross has had to cancel hundreds of blood drives nationwide due to the pandemic, Lisa Winter, a senior account manager for the organization whose territory covers all of Oregon, said volunteers have continued to show up for events that were scheduled.

Monday's 6-hour event, from noon to 6 p.m., was the first in Baker City in which the Red Cross tested all donors for COVID-19 antibodies, which show they have previously been exposed to the virus, Winter said.

"When we take their blood, it's just going to be a test we're going to add to it and we're going to do that through the end of October," she said.

OREGON LOTTERY

MEGABUCKS, June 14
12 — 15 — 23 — 29 — 38 — 45
Next jackpot: \$4.1 million

POWERBALL, June 12
8 — 25 — 34 — 38 — 41 PB 10
Next jackpot: \$40 million

MEGA MILLIONS, June 15
18 — 22 — 27 — 38 — 52 Mega 11
Next jackpot: \$30 million

WIN FOR LIFE, June 14
9 — 25 — 48 — 76

PICK 4, June 15
• 1 p.m.: 3 — 8 — 0 — 9
• 4 p.m.: 3 — 6 — 8 — 2
• 7 p.m.: 8 — 0 — 7 — 1
• 10 p.m.: 2 — 2 — 6 — 5

LUCKY LINES, June 15
3-6-12-14-20-24-26-32
Next jackpot: \$63,000

SENIOR MENUS

- **FRIDAY:** Breaded pork loin, stuffing with gravy, peas and carrots, rolls, sauerkraut salad, cheesecake
- **MONDAY (June 21):** Chicken and broccoli fettuccine, carrots, rolls, three-bean salad, brownies
- **TUESDAY (June 22):** Herb-baked chicken breasts with gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, rolls, fruit cup, lemon squares
- **WEDNESDAY (June 23):** Beef tips with mushrooms and gravy over fettuccine, rolls, capri vegetables, coleslaw, pudding
- **THURSDAY (June 24):** Hot turkey sandwich, stuffing, carrots, cottage cheese and fruit, ice cream

Public luncheon at the Senior Center, 2810 Cedar St., from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; \$4.50 donation (60 and older), \$6.75 for those under 60. Meals must be picked up; no dining on site.

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PEDAL

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Anthony knew he wanted to sign up for the race after watching interviews with competitors and meeting a rider who had just completed the event.

"Seeing that got me pretty inspired to get out here and try myself," Anthony said. "But now I'm here and things are very different from the outside looking in. It's pretty crazy."

The race is broken into 12 chunks of around 250 to 400 miles each, and participants are encouraged to go at their own pace.

Some competitors enter the race with a goal of winning, while others are more focused on exploring America in an unforgettable way.

Once they leave Oregon, bikers ride through Yellowstone National Park, Colorado, Kansas, Illinois, Kentucky and finally Virginia. The current record to complete the race is 16 days and nine hours, but most people just try to make it in under a month.

Some cyclists who are riding to win will sleep for just two to four hours per day, and they don't bring a change of clothes.

Anthony said he now has a better idea of what is necessary for the trip; for example, he brought camping gear but realized after the race started that riders do not usually



Brian Vegter/Contributed Photo

Tim Peterson, right, of Healdsburg, California, and Jeff Orr of Beaverton are competing in the Trans Am Bike Race, a 4,210-mile route from Astoria to Yorktown, Virginia. The pair stopped in Baker City briefly on June 10. On Wednesday, June 16 they were near Yellowstone.

camp along the way. After riding for hundreds of miles in the rain, he said, the last thing anybody wants to do is sleep in a downpour.

In Baker City, longtime bicyclists Brian and Corrine Vegter have been tracking each cyclist's location online.

The couple, who formerly organized the annual Baker City Cycling Classic, have greeted each competitor with food and water when they pass through town. Most have stopped to chat and relax, but others are too focused on riding to take a break.

"We've brought out hamburgers, tamales, pizza, potato

chips, orange juice, water and cookies," Brian Vegter said. "We watch the tracker and can sort of calculate when they should be at the corner of Auburn and Main. So then we come out with a cowbell and we ring it and call out the rider's name and ask them if they want anything or need anything."

Riders are not supposed to receive special help from friends and family in certain locations, so it is important that people who greet bikers along the way offer the same support to everyone.

Brian Vegter has a passion for long-distance cycling, but

Tracking The Racers

Updated locations and details about competitors in the Trans Am Bike Race are available at <http://trackleaders.com/transam21>.

he said it would be too hard to take enough time away from his business to complete the TransAmerica Trail race. One day, though, he hopes to make the journey.

"Riding is still a big part of our lives, so maybe in 10 years from now we'll take a casual ride across the country," Vegter says.

The Vegters own Churchill School in Baker City, which has art events, music and a hostel.

Anthony said he has seen some beautiful sights on his ride through Oregon, but it was rainy and cold for the first 100 miles. He arrived in Baker City on Saturday, June 12, for about three days to get some rest and tend to mild injuries. He is debating whether he wants to continue the race or stop now and spend the rest of this year training for the 2022 race.

"I'm like, 'Oh man, is this going to be worth getting hurt?'" But at the same time, I have the bike and I came all this way," Anthony said. "I kind of want to finish what I started."

INTERNSHIP

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Mann said she chose the U of O for a different type of life experience.

"I really wanted to go out of state and experience a new climate and environment," she said.

Her initial plan was to major in music for vocal performance.

"Right before the school year started I realized I didn't want to do that," she said.

She chose a journalism major after a few months at Oregon. She credits a class called "media professions" for influencing her choice.

"I didn't realize how many different jobs you could have in journalism," she said. "And I've always liked writing. It seemed like the right path."

She worked at the Daily Emerald, a student-run independent newspaper, for three years.

She started on the opinion desk, then moved to opinion editor.

During the summer of 2020 she

interned at the Eugene Weekly where she covered arts and culture. She also worked on PR for the UO School of Journalism and Communication (SOJC).

"I don't see myself doing PR. I didn't love it," she said.

For the past year she's been on the Emerald's news desk.

"Which was really crazy. My first story was about the wildfires," she said.

Other topics included how COVID-19 was affecting education, and how the U of O was fulfilling a promise of addressing equity, diversity and inclusion on campus.

"There were no slow news days," she said.

She graduated with a degree in journalism and a minor in music.

This is her first time in Baker City.

"I've never been anywhere this small," she said with a smile.

When her internship ends, she plans on moving to Portland.

"I really like the Pacific Northwest. I love having seasons," she said.

But she's open to possibilities — both for work and location.

"I feel like I haven't found the part of journalism I'm most interested in yet," she said. "And I want to experience living in a bunch of different places."

About the internship

The Charles Snowden Program for Excellence in Journalism honors the life and career of Charles Snowden, a longtime editor at the Oregon Journal and The Oregonian.

According to the SOJC, Snowden, who retired in 1986 and passed away in 1997, "had a great passion for good writing, history, and the practice of ethical journalism. He is remembered not only as a top-notch editor but also as a mentor for many young journalists."

In his memory, the Snowden family established an endowment for the program at the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication. The endowment has funded more than 250 internships for students since 1998.

OBITUARY

Stella Scott

Baker City, 1929-2021

Stella Mae Scott, 91 years young, of Baker City, died June 6, 2021, at

Memory Lane Homes in Baker City, surrounded by family.

Stella was born on Aug. 28, 1929, at Telluride, Colorado, to Laura Boyer and Fred Dixon. In her free time, she loved painting



Stella Scott

her ceramics, sewing, gardening and was an overall happy homemaker. She was very well known for adoring all her grandchildren, great-grandchildren and even great-great-grandchildren. She loved spending time in the great outdoors with her family and she loved her evening walks with her late husband, George.

Stella is survived by her daughter, Caroline Wilson, and son, Albert and Teresa Scott of Baker City, Ronnie and

Dolly Hess of Heineken, New Hampshire, and Sam and Diana Humphrey of Rifle, Colorado; and her sister, Betty Joe Emerson of Aurora, Colorado.

Stella was preceded in death by her husband, George Scott; her daughter, Vickey Scott; her son, Stan, and Deana Hess; her son-in-law, Curt Wilson; her brother, Roy Lee Richards; her mother, Laura Boyer; and her father, Fred Dixon.

To offer online condolences to her family, go to www.grayswestco.com.

NEWS OF RECORD

FUNERAL PENDING

Beth Johnson: A celebration of her life will take place Saturday, June 26 at 11 a.m. at the Church of the Nazarene, 1250 Hughes Lane in Baker City. For those who would like to make a donation in Beth's memory, the family suggests Hilary's Benevolent Fund through Tami's Pine Valley Funeral Home & Cremation Services, P.O. Box 543, Halfway, OR 97834. Online condolences can be made at www.tamispinevalleyfuneral-home.com.

POLICE LOG

Baker City Police Arrests, citations
CONTEMPT OF COURT (2)
Baker County Justice Court warrants: Alex Cooper Horn, 25, 10:49 a.m. Tuesday, June 15 in the 200 block of Bridge Street;

cited and released.

CONTEMPT OF COURT (9)
Baker County Justice Court warrants: Michael Myers-Gabiola, 29, Baker City, 4:53 p.m. Monday, June 14 on the Leo Adler Memorial Parkway at Madison Street; cited and released.

Baker County Sheriff's Office

Arrests, citations
SECOND-DEGREE CRIMINAL TRESPASSING: Fabian Rene Dilulo, 60, of Huntington, 7:49 p.m. Monday, June 14 in Huntington; cited and released.

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The family of **Mike Beam** would like to express a heartfelt thank you to all who reached out after Mikey's passing. The outpouring of love and support shown through cards, flowers and phone calls was comforting and appreciated. We would like to extend an invitation to all those who knew and loved Mikey, to join us at Wade Williams park for a memorial potluck on Saturday, June 26th @ 1:00pm. Meat will be provided. Please bring a side dish, lawnchairs and come spend the afternoon catching up and sharing your favorite memories of Mikey.

With Sincere Thanks,
The Family of Mike Beam

We wish to thank everyone for the beautiful cards, donations, food and loving care we have received. A special thanks to Ron Neal for the beautiful music for their service, to Coles Tribute Center for their help with the service and to Pine Valley Fair Association and the School District for all of their assistance in putting on the reception. We couldn't have done it without you.

The family of Walt and Ronda Dillman